

RESOLUTION NO. 13-38

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Lucile McDonald Hines will be honored with a 100th Birthday Celebration scheduled to be held on February 2, 2013, at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile was born on February 4, 1913, to the late Tom and Sylvia Jones McDonald in an area called Chelsea Lane in Huntsville, Alabama. In 1947, she married the late Harry Hines. This union didn't bear children of their own, but gave much love and attention to many of the children in the area. She loved and treated them as if they were her own. Throughout the years, she created playful memories with her brothers Charlie and Arthur McDonald who are now deceased. Her only nephew, Charlie McDonald whom she loves dearly, resides in Pontiac, Michigan, with his family; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile attended 1st and 2nd grades at Chelsea Church School where she made many friends. She attended Council High for 3rd-6th grades with 6th grade being the highest grade she completed. Although her education was limited, she gained valuable knowledge through her initiative to excel in anything she did; and,

WHEREAS, in 1952, Lucile became a member of First Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Horace P. Snodgrass and actively served in the missionary group called Missionary Circle 3; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile joined the Merry Makers Sewing Club in 1959. The club helped in the community by visiting the sick and helping those in need. The Merry Makers Sewing Club was later changed to the Merry Makers Ministry in 2000, and continues as a Christian ministry to help the community while supporting each other; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile worked at the Sugar Bowl Café from 1963-1966. The Sugar Bowl Café was located on the corner of Church Street and Holmes Avenue where all the city's business addresses for African Americans were located during segregation; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile organized the singing group called the Echoes. Her late husband Harry Hines started out as the first pianist for the group. She also organized the first choir at Chelsea Presbyterian Church; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile served as a member of the Garden Club. Members of this group planted gardens in the community at locations such as nursing homes; and,

WHEREAS, after 27 years of employment, Lucile retired from Fifth Avenue Hospital. She witnessed the selling of the hospital to Huntsville Hospital under which she retired; and,

WHEREAS, Lucile has experienced "100 years of memories and 100 years of life." One of her favorite sayings is "People can't keep you, but the grace of God will."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize and gratefully acknowledge Lucile McDonald Hines on the occasion of her 100th birthday and for many years of service to Huntsville, Alabama. May every success be yours in all future endeavors.

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ADOPTED this the 24th day of January, 2013

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 24th day of January, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

